Dear Parents

The Focus for Bowenville State School
Semester 2 2014
Reading, Attendance and Community Engagement

2015
The P&C meeting held last Wednesday night was a chance for all to put forward their ideas concerning Bowenville SS in 2015. The school has a strong likelihood of becoming a one teacher school, and many ideas were put forward in an effort to focus on ways to hold numbers in 2015 and for the longer term. There are many issues facing Bowenville that impact student numbers, but we see the commitment of the community as a positive, and one to build on. There were many ideas put forward and they are now in the process of being worked on. The message is clear, we have a great school, a strong community and want others to share in the benefits of a small school. The Audits back many of these points up. The Teaching and Learning audit highlights the positives within the school. The results sit mainly in the ‘high’ band with some aspects ‘outstanding’, and a few ‘medium’. This indicates a clear set of processes that the staff at the school are working on, and do so well. We understand that if Bowenville State School becomes a one teacher school in 2015, we already have a strong curriculum, and approach to teaching that is more than adequate for any eventuality. The focus for our school is on the individual student and where they are in their journey. The use of assessment and regional based benchmarks guide the staff in making progress towards our goals. The school has a fantastic atmosphere, and a student group that is committed to the value of Respect. This ethos within the school will set the tone for any new students and is even more important now as our 2015 prep students start on their transition weeks on the 19th. If you have any ideas or want to get involved please contact the school or our P&C.

Pre-Prep Days (All Welcome)
The pre-prep days have been locked in. It has taken a little time, but we were lucky enough to have the BUSHkids health service come for the first day. They will be talking with parents about child speech and physical development. What a great asset to the local community. The first day is the 19th of November with three days in total. From 9.00 am until 11.30 am the pre-preps will be a part of our school day. All pre-prep students are welcome, and it is open to any eligible child. If you are not sure as to the school you wish to enrol your child or want to come in and have a look at Bowenville SS please do.

BUSHkids Visit
BUSHkids will be visiting on the 19th of November as a part of the Pre-Prep days. The Wednesday was chosen so that Playgroup parents will also be able to be a part of the presentation. The content of their presentation is below and offers us a unique opportunity to gain some valuable insights into the development of our children.

1. Introduction of BUSHkids services, eligibility criteria and the referral process;
2. Classroom and early literacy skills (SLP);
3. Independence and self-care skills(OT);

Thank you to all the parents involved it is great to again get the chance to be a part of the school community in a relaxed enjoyable setting.

Lachie Finch
Another Student at Bowenville State School SHINES. Friday the 31st of October was the annual Condamine Alliance Awards. In the Young Achievers section, Lachie’s name was read out with a long list of achievements. It was humbling to see the nominees in this section and know that so many young people are already doing incredible work for the environment. Bowenville SS is proud to be a part of the Condamine Alliance supporters, and proud of our young achievers, FANTASTIC work Lachie.

Like Us
Great job Amanda – we have started our Facebook page. It is in the fledgling stages, but will build as we develop a better understanding of the process. We will need to review our school permissions for staff and students to include this aspect into the ICT permission. We regularly update the student notes regarding posting on the school webpage, but will need to add the Facebook part into the new notes. If you get a chance to please, “LIKE US”.

Michael Sutton.
COMMUNITY EVENTS:

TENNIS LESSONS
Tennis Lessons in 2014
At the Bowenville SS
Lessons for all ages & standards
Friday mornings before school
Contact Club Professional
Ben Campbell
M: 0414 645 916
(enrolment form attached)
e: faultless@samford.net

P-3 News:

We are back in our normal routine with swimming behind us!

We started our Science Unit next week. Just Move It
Students identify different ways objects move, explore different types of movements and explore and describe the different types of movements of objects this week. I will consult with students about describing the movement of objects and matching images to representations of each type of movement.

In English, we have finished character descriptions in poems and is working on writing a narrative. Our Friday afternoon “play” is helping students construct the plot, orientation, complication and resolution of their stories. We will finish Shape dance by the end of the week. Students are continuing to work in a pair to create a dance using ideas about mathematical shapes and objects.

In maths, we are completing some standardised testing and will continue revising counting, addition and subtraction, multiplication, division, 2D and 3D shapes as warm-ups each lesson.

Homework was sent home on Monday. Please remember to read and do sight words with Prep/1 EVERY day.
Have a great week!

Ronel and Kim

P & C News:

Thanks to those who attended the meeting last Wednesday night to discuss options to encourage more students to our school. There was good discussion and some things that will be pursued include approaching families in the area and encouraging them to consider our school. Looking at the possibility of helping out with transport. Advertising, via media, flyers, etc. One important thing is what most people have already been doing and that is promoting our school by word of mouth. It is good at every opportunity to tell of the great school we have, with great students and the room for more.
It was good to hear the Students had a successful cricket carnival on Friday. Unfortunately I wasn’t able to attend but both David Smith and I enjoyed helping out with coaching during the last few weeks. I was really impressed with the co-operation and enthusiasm shown by our students, especially given for some, cricket isn’t their choice of game.
Our monthly meeting will be held next Monday 17th at 7.30pm. Please come along and show your support.

Have a good week

John Hensel 0429 92 42 92—P & C President

Helper this week—Tami Mears

Tami Mears—Tuckshop Convenor 0428 385122

I would like to thank all who have helped out with the tuckshop throughout the year. Tami has been working hard co-ordinating the tuckshop and requires a renewed level of support. If you have not helped out or have had a well-earned break for a while please touch base with us or Tami, and get involved again. Bowenville SS has tuckshop once a week, and for this to continue we need your continued support. Michael
Please find sent home today Hesslands Ham Fundraiser. If you would like to order please fill in and return to school by Thursday 27.11.14 for delivery on Wednesday 10.12.14
For any dietary needs please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Boneless legham min weight 4kg
Bacon Packs min weight 1kg

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**BBQ PACK**

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ORDERS NEED TO BE IN BY THURSDAY 27.11.14
DELIVERY WILL BE WEDNESDAY 10.12.14